

DIRECTION 112
PIERIDAE DUPONCHEL, [1835] (INSECTA:
LEPIDOPTERA): PROTECTED

RULING.— (1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that the family-group name *PIERIDAE* Duponchel, [1835] (Name Number 206 on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology) is to be given precedence over the family-group name *COLIADINAE* Swainson, 1827 (Name Number 227 on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology) by anyone who believes that the type genera of these two taxa lie in the same family-group taxon.

(2) It is hereby directed that entries 206 and 227 in the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology are to be endorsed in accordance with the ruling given in (1) above.

(3) The date of Name Number 206 in the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology is hereby amended from 1832 to [1835].

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.) 2186

An application for the safeguarding of the family name *PIERIDAE* Duponchel, and for the correction of its date was first received from Lt-Col. C.F. Cowan (*Grange-over-Sands, England*) on 5 July 1976. It was sent to the printer on 25 October 1976 and published on 31 August 1977 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 34, pp. 90–91. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to eight general and eight entomological periodicals. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 6 October 1981 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1981) 19 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 34, pp. 90–91. At the close of the voting period on 6 January 1982, the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty (20) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Mroczkowski, Sabrosky, Willink, Trjapitzin, Corliss, Vokes, Brinck, Tortonese, Hahn, Lehtinen, Alvarado, Binder, Habe, Dupuis, Nye, Welch, Bayer, Cogger

Negative Vote — Heppell.

Late affirmative votes were returned by Halvorsen, Ride and Starobogatov. No votes were returned by Bernardi and Kraus.

Heppell commented: 'I cannot agree with the means proposed to achieve the desired end although I would be in favour of the validation of *PIERIDAE*. Such inverted priorities of name, and

especially of family-group names, on the Official Lists are a nomenclatural hazard and should be avoided except in the most exceptional cases. In this case no mention is made of the names of other subfamilies included in PIERIDAE — have these been fully considered? It seems that COLIADINAE was placed on the Official List for no good reason, merely as a “tidying-up” exercise, and without its proposal having been advertised to entomologists for comment. The Commission should accept its responsibility for the consequences of its act by the removal of COLIADINAE from the Official List forthwith, either by repealing Direction 99 or by other means under the plenary powers. Far too many of such cases arising from the application of Article 23d(i) have to be brought before the Commission and it is perhaps time that zoologists were asked to reconsider whether they wish this provision of the Code to be maintained. If so they should be more ready to accept the results of its general application.’

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(81)19 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Direction No. 112.

R.V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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